

(c) if, so, the precautions taken/proposed to be taken to ensure complete safety of nuclear establishments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A section of the press had published certain statements, including those on safety issues pertaining to nuclear installations, attributed to the former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).

Regarding the issues raised in the press statements, the former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board, himself had stated that the AERB evaluation had not revealed any dangerous deficiency existing in any of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) installations, warranting any restrictive action on its continued operation.

(c) Administrative and technical machinery at different levels is in place to monitor and enforce safety stipulations in DAE installations.

The machinery encompasses a three-level structure comprising (a) Unit Safety Committee at each installation; (b) Safety Review Committee for Operating Plants; and (c) Atomic Energy Regulatory Board.

Family Pension

6013. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spouses/children of the deceased employees are paid family pension and salary when they are employed in deceased employees quota; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to stop the pension when they are employed ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Encroachment of Government Land

6014. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer given to USQ No. 5331 dated September, 11, 1996 regarding encroachment on Government land and state:

(a) whether the position regarding provision of electricity/water connection by NDMC has been ascertained;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not providing electricity and water connections to the persons who have purchased plots from the allottees of the plots under 20 Point Programme in Delhi;

(d) whether water and electricity connections have been provided to the people who purchased plots from the Jhuggi-Jhonpri dwellers who were allotted plots in Delhi;

(e) the action taken to get the Government land in Anant Ram Dairy vacated from the encroachers; and

(f) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Covering of Verandah

6015. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 3948 on December 18, 1996 regarding complaints and state:

(a) the total funds allocated and spent during the last three years for covering the verandah, year-wise;

(b) whether sub-standard construction materials and financial irregularities have come to light between contractor and engineers in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether a number of verandahs were covered in Laxmi Bai Nagar without the requisite 10% payment during 1996;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government propose to extend the non-payment scheme to this year also; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Funds are allocated for all minor works including covering of verandah. Total funds allocated for minor works during last three years and amount spent on covering of verandah is given below:-

Year	Funds allotted under Minor Works (Rs. in Lakhs)	Amount spent on covering of Verandah (Rs. in Lakhs)
1993-94	63.05	13.710
1994-95	87.65	21.945
1995-96	106.36	18.012

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) There is no such proposal.
- (g) Does not arise.

**Statutory Dues to the Closed
M/s Sylvania Laxman Ltd.**

6016. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that M/s Sylvania Laxman Ltd. Moti Nagar, New Delhi is lying closed since April, 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the employees of this Company have not been paid any salary since April, 1996;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government have directed the management to pay the dues (salary, gratuity etc.) of the employees immediately and mitigate their hardships;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: (a) to (g) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that M/s. Sylavania & Laxman Ltd., Moti Nagar, New Delhi informed in June, 1996 of the shifting of one of its sections to Noida on the ground of disconnection of power and non-availability of raw materials. The workmen were also directed to report for duty at Noida.

It has also been reported that on receiving a complaint from Sylvania & Laxman Karamchari Sangh on 10.6.96 against the management of the Company for non payment of wages for the months of April and May, 1996, the Labour Department of the National Capital Territory of Delhi initiated conciliation proceedings and a settlement was arrived between the management and the workmen on 2.7.96 wherein the management agreed to pay wages for the months of April and May, 1996 by 8.7.96 and 15.7.96 respectively. The management of the company has stated the shortage of funds as the reason for non-payment of wages.

The workmen have not been paid wages since April, 1996. The Government of N.C.T. of Delhi had issued a recovery certificate under Sec. 33-C(1) of the I.D. Act, 1947 on 18.7.96 for Rs. 65,24,868.50/- to recover the salary of the employees for the months of April and May, 1996 but this was challenged by the management in Civil Writ Petition in High Court of Delhi. Another recovery certificate under Section 25-0(6) read with Section 33(c) (1) of the Act has been issued on 17.4.97 for Rs. 218,74,421.70/- towards the salary from June to November, 1996.

HUDCO Assistance

6017. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Housing and Urban Development Corporation has decided to provide Rs. 522 crore assistance to Andhra Pradesh during the current financial years;

(b) if so, the total amount provided to the State Government during 1996-97;

(c) the total amount spent from the assistance provided to the State during 1996-97;

(d) the projects undertaken by the State Government to utilise this fund;

(e) whether any concrete programme of action has been prepared by the State Government in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Based on area and population state-wise allocation of loan is made by HUDCO only for housing schemes. No state-wise advance allocation is made for urban development/infrastructure schemes. The quantum of assistance for such schemes will depend on the demands from the States. During the current financial year HUDCO has communicated an allocation of Rs. 40.78 crores for Andhra Pradesh representing 50% of the annual allocation. Final allocation for the whole year may, however, vary depending on demand and performance of States.

(b) During 1996-97, HUDCO has sanctioned a total loan amount of Rs. 202 crores to the State of Andhra Pradesh for Housing Schemes and disbursed an amount of Rs. 155.45 crores. In addition HUDCO has sanctioned a total loan amount of Rs. 290.39 crores to Andhra Pradesh for 29 urban infrastructure schemes and the amount released to the State was Rs. 31.53 crores.

(c) The utilisation reports from implementing agencies are not available with HUDCO.

(d) to (f) The details of housing and urban infrastructure projects sanctioned by HUDCO to the State of Andhra Pradesh during 1996-97 are being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Arsenic and Fluoride Contamination

6018. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the West Bengal Government has submitted a Rs. 4.58 crores research and development project on arsenic and fluoride contamination to the Union Government; and